(c) and (d) No, Sir. Bulk Supply Tariff charged by Delhi TRANSCO Ltd. to discoms and Retail Supply Tariff charged by discoms to consumers are determined by DERC u/s 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Vacancies in NALCO

†*109. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director (C.M.D.) and certain post of Directors are vacant in National Aluminium Company (NALCO) situated in Orissa;

(b) if so, by when these posts would be filled;

(c) whether the Company will suffer losses due to uncertainty on the post of C.M.D. and Directors; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures with Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes , Sir.

(b) The vacancy of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has arisen consequent upon order of removal from service of Shri C. Venkataramana issued on 29.5.2006. However, in view of injunction granted by Delhi High Court, the order dated 29.5.2006 issued by the Government has been kept in abeyance. For two other vacancies, i.e., Director (Finance) and Director (Production), Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has given its recommendations in respect of the candidates and the same are under process for appointment.

(c) and (d) The in-charge arrangements have been made for the vacant posts, hence, no loss is apprehended to the Company.

Supply of fuel to Dabhol Power Plant

*110. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the recently received Dabhol Power Plant being run on Naphtha has gone out of fuel;

(b) if so, the Naphtha stock position with the plant in the beginning of June and July this year;

(c) the reasons for the short supply and how far if was attributable to its high cost; and

(d) the steps since taken to augment the fuel supply to this plant?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1st June, 2006, 67463 Kilo Litres (KL) of Naphtha (Usable stock-about 59000 KL) was available with Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited (RGPPL) while as on 1st July, 2006, 7789 KL of Naphtha (Usable stock-NIL) was available with RGPPL.

(c) The short supply of Naphtha for this plant is mainly attributable to its high cost. The cost of power generated by this plant using Naphtha is presently unacceptable to Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL).

(d) Since prevalent Naphtha prices are very high, the Government of India have given exemption from payment of customs duty for the import of Naphtha for use by this plant in the interim period till gas supplies become available so as to reduce its cost of generation on Naphtha and make it acceptable to MSEDCL.

IIT in Gujarat

*111. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Indian Institute of Technology in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any proposal to set-up an IIT in Gujarat considering its fast development in last three years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?